

## STATE CAPITAL.

### Character of House and Senate.

## Debate on the Centennial Appropriation.

## Expulsion of a Reporter from the Senate.

The Assembly is a body of such ephemeral character—here to-day and gone to-morrow—its expression should be figurative in place of literal, that it is not easy to tell, before its record has been made, what kind of reputation it is entitled to receive. There are many old members, but the majority are new and untried, of whom the world has yet to hear, and whether they may be good, bad or indifferent time alone can tell. Some say this Legislature is the most corrupt that ever assembled in Albany. It is scarcely fair to assume so this early. They have yet to be weighed in the balance and to see if they are found wanting. It would be taxing credulity in presuming to say that it is an honest Legislature. That phenomenon is reserved for the millennium, and even then the inevitable lobbyist will be sure to mist the halls of legislation. It demands too blind a faith in human nature when we are asked to believe that a man, after spending all his own and his friends' money to become an Assemblyman or Senator, proceeds to this capital and leaves his business behind him with no other earthly expectation than \$3 a day, and no other motive than the public good. The strenuous seeking of the rural politician to make laws for the city of New York, not because of any profound conviction that the people of that city are incapable of taking care of themselves, but the wilting, golden-plumaged man who hangs around every measure relating to the commercial metropolis so fascinated by the rural mind that it sees no other feature in the business of legislation so productive of happiness as pulling to pieces and putting together again the charters of the metropolis and the affairs of the municipality generally. It pays to legislate for New York city. It always paid in the past, and there is no reason to suppose it will be less lucrative in the future. Rapid transit or any of the glittering vista that reveals prospect of fortune for impetuous legislators not infrequently afflicted with qualms of conscience. Mr. Eastman is a sanguine man, and thinks his plan must be adopted because it recommends itself on the score of being above the reach of lobbyists and schemers; but he counts without his host. The least likely scheme of rapid transit may win the ultimate prize of legislation, provided it is engineered in the right way, which, of course, means in a moral sense the wrong way. Mr. Eastman, however, works along with an earnest and unflinching determination to carry his plan, which he is now engaged in amending and correcting so as to render it simple to the common mind.

The complexion of the Senate is improved this year. There are corrupt men in the body, but there are at least half a dozen who combine honesty with ability. Your stupid honest legislator is of no more benefit to the people's interests than the rogue. It takes a sharp intelligence to fathom the purposes of every bill rushed upon the Legislature in its busy hours. One who has been in the Senate for several years declared this morning that after he had carefully examined and counted the material of the Senate, he was satisfied that the corrupt members in the body, and that the proportion of honest men was sufficient to counteract any schemes of plunder.

Senator Wood succeeded to-day in having a reconsideration of the resolution appropriating \$100,000 to the CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

In 1871 the Legislature was authorized, by resolution, to represent the State at the Centennial Exhibition. Mr. Lincoln to-day offered, as a substitute, that he be appointed as a sub-committee, that they serve without pay or expense to the State, and that they be authorized to do all that they deem proper for the purpose of the exhibition. Mr. Lincoln's motion was carried, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill. Mr. Lincoln's motion was carried, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill. Mr. Lincoln's motion was carried, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill.

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Street Cleaning Bureau already in charge of the Police Department, and the House of Representatives is not to be without it.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections is meeting this morning at ten o'clock, and the matter of the contested seat of Youmans and Thompson, to appoint a sub-committee to proceed, and the bill of this month, to the district of the election, and investigate the circumstances attending it.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee this evening considered and reported a bill relating to the civil justices of New York. They also had before them the Superior of Suffolk county, who argued in favor of his bill, and the action of the people of Huntington in offering a reward for the perpetrators of the crime.

OUTRAGE ON CHARLES G. KELLEY. The committee resolved to report the bill favorably to-morrow.

The bill making the clerks of police courts in New York city a salaried position, but no action taken. The Senate Committee on Cities and Towns, to report on the bill of the city of New York, to amend the charter of the city of New York, to amend the charter of the city of New York, to amend the charter of the city of New York.

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